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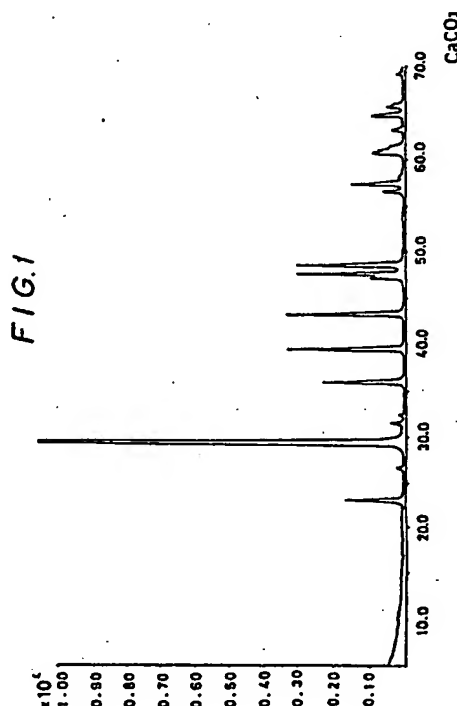
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(54) Scrubbing agent and process for producing the same.

(57) This invention provides a scrubbing agent comprising granulated calcite extracted from glacial limestone. A process for producing a scrubbing agent containing calcite as the main component, comprises the crushing step of crushing glacial limestone and the fractionating step of subjecting the thus-crushed glacial limestone to air fractionation to extract a fractionated portion containing calcite as the main component. In addition, another process for producing a scrubbing agent containing calcite as the main component, comprising: the crushing step of crushing glacial limestone; the suspending step of suspending the thus-crushed glacial limestone in water; the fractionating step of placing the thus-obtained suspension in a stationary manner to collect supernatant liquid; and the drying step of drying the supernatant liquid.

Fig. 1 is a chart showing the result of powder X-ray diffraction of a scrubbing agent used in a cleansing preparation in accordance with the present invention.



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